

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE POSS DUPE

PAGE 01 STATE 040099

46

ORIGIN OES-05

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 AID-05 AF-06 ARA-06 EA-07 EUR-12 NEA-10

IO-11 DHA-02 ORM-02 MED-02 HEW-02 DIWY-01 SS-15 NSC-05

H-02 CIAE-00 DODE-00 INR-07 NSAE-00 PA-01 USIA-06

PRS-01 SP-02 L-03 COME-00 /114 R

DRAFTED BY OES/CP:MMHASSELTON:GJG

APPROVED BY OES/ENP/PO:CRNELSON

PHA/POP/FPS - MS. MACMANUS

AF/I - MR. KEOGH

NEA/RA - MR. CHEEK

EA/RA -MS. MCNUTT

ARA/AA/LA - MR. FUNICELLO

----- 071023

R 101611Z FEB 76

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN

AMEMBASSY ACCRA

AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

AMEMBASSY ALGIERS

AMCONSUL CAPE TOWN

AMEMBASSY AMMAN

AMEMBASSY ANKARA

AMEMBASSY ASUNCION

AMEMBASSY BAMAKO

AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

AMEMBASSY BANGUI

AMEMBASSY COTONOU

AMEMBASSY DACCA

AMEMBASSY DAKAR

AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS

AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM

AMEMBASSY FREETOWN

AMEMBASSY GABORONE

AMEMBASSY GEORGETOWN

AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 STATE 040099

AMEMBASSY JAKARTA

AMEMBASSY KABUL

AMEMBASSY KATHMANDU
AMEMBASSY KIGALI
AMEMBASSY KINGSTON
AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM
AMEMBASSY KINSHASA
AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR
AMEMBASSY LAGOS
AMEMBASSY LA PAZ
AMEMBASSY LIBREVILLE
AMEMBASSY LIMA
AMEMBASSY LOME
AMEMBASSY LUSAKA
AMEMBASSY MANILA
AMEMBASSY MASERU
AMEMBASSY MBABANE
AMEMBASSY MEXICO
AMEMBASSY MOGADISCIO
AMEMBASSY MONROVIA
AMEMBASSY MUSCAT
AMEMBASSY NAIROBI
AMEMBASSY NDJAMENA
AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI
AMEMBASSY NIAMEY
AMEMBASSY NOUAKCHOTT
AMEMBASSY OUAGADOUGOU
AMEMBASSY PANAMA
AMEMBASSY PORT AU PRINCE
AMEMBASSY PORT LOUIS
AMEMBASSY PORT OF SPAIN
AMEMBASSY PRETORIA
AMEMBASSY QUITO
AMEMBASSY RABAT
AMEMBASSY RANGOON
AMEMBASSY SAN JOSE
AMEMBASSY SAN SALVADOR
AMEMBASSY SANTIAGO
AMEMBASSY SANTO DOMINGO
AMEMBASSY SEOUL
AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 03 STATE 040099

AMEMBASSY SUVA
AMEMBASSY TAIPEI
AMEMBASSY TANANARIVE
AMEMBASSY TEGUCIGALPA
AMEMBASSY TEHRAN
AMEMBASSY YAOUNDE
AMEMBASSY BONN
AMEMBASSY COPENHAGEN
AMEMBASSY THE HAGUE
AMEMBASSY LONDON 9129-30-31-32

AMEMBASSY OSLO
AMEMBASSY OTTAWA
AMEMBASSY PARIS
AMEMBASSY STOCKHOLM
AMEMBASSY TOKYO

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE STATE 040099

YAOUNDE ALSO PASS MALABO CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: SPOP

SUBJECT: OVERVIEW OF AVS CONFERENCE, TUNIS, FEB. 1-4,
REPEAT OF TUNIS 0853, FEB. 5, TO DEPARTMENT

FOLLOWING IS REPORT FROM MARY M. HASELTON, SPECIAL ASSISTANT
TO THE COORDINATOR OF POPULATION AFFAIRS, STATE DEPT., RE
THIRD INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF ASSOCIATION FOR VOLUNTARY
STERILIZATION, TUNIS:

1. LEADERS IN FAMILY PLANNING, 280 PHYSICIANS AND NON-
PHYSICIANS, FROM SOME 60 COUNTRIES, ATTENDED THIRD INTER-
NATIONAL AVS CONFERENCE. HELD AT TUNIS HILTON, CONFERENCE
WAS CO-HOSTED BY TUNISIAN MINISTRY OF HEALTH IN COOPERATION
WITH INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF GYNECOLOGY AND OBSTETRICS
AND THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF FERTILITY SOCIETIES.

2. TUNISIA HAS A GOVERNMENT PROGRAM ON FAMILY PLANNING
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 04 STATE 040099

WITHIN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND HAS NO LEGAL BARRIERS TO
ANY METHOD OF FERTILITY CONTROL, INCLUDING ABORTION.
OFFICIAL WELCOME GIVEN BY MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENSE ON
BEHALF OF MINISTER OF HEALTH STRESSED A DIVERSIFIED APPROACH
TO FAMILY PLANNING GENERALLY IN THE CONTEXT OF A TOTAL
SOCIO-ECONOMIC BASE, INCLUDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT,
THE PROTECTION OF THE HEALTH OF THE MOTHER, THE CHILD, AND
THE FAMILY, WITH FULL EMPHASIS ON EQUAL STATUS OF WOMEN,

LEGALLY PRESENT IN TUNIS SINCE 1956.

3. CONFEREES EXPRESSED A RANGE OF EXPECTATIONS FOR FUTURE
ROLE OF STERILIZATION AS THE MOST EFFECTIVE MEANS OF
CONTRACEPTION WHEN DESIRED FAMILY SIZE IS REACHED.
MAJORITY VIEW APPEARED TO CENTER ON FOLLOWING THEMES
AND CRITERIA:

(A) STERILIZATION AS YET IS AN IRREVERSIBLE PROCESS AND

MUST BE FULLY UNDERSTOOD AND ACCEPTED AS SUCH.

(B) AS WITH OTHER FORMS OF CONTRACEPTION, INDIVIDUALS SHOULD BE PROVIDED FULL INFORMATION AND ACCESS TO STERILIZATION PROCEDURES, SO THAT FREE CHOICE IS EXERCISED IN THE CONTROL OF PERSONAL FERTILITY.

(C) STERILIZATION PROCEDURES MUST BE AN INTEGRAL PART OF SOUND MEDICAL CARE AND PRACTICE AT ALL TIMES AND IN ALL PLACES, REQUIRING THE HIGHEST MEDICAL STANDARDS AND MOST COMPLETE AND COMPETENT SERVICES AVAILABLE BEFORE, DURING, AND AFTER SURGERY.

(D) EXTREME CARE SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE MOTIVATIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL PREPARATION OF ACCEPTORS WITH LONG LEAD-TIME PRIOR TO PERFORMANCE OF SURGERY. ACCEPTORS MUST FULLY UNDERSTAND THAT VOLUNTARY STERILIZATION IS A FINAL STEP IN A SERIES OF CONTRACEPTIVE MEASURES AVAILABLE.

(E) THERE IS AN URGENT NEED TO MAKE SIMPLIFIED BUT QUALITATIVE SERVICES AVAILABLE TO PEOPLE IN RURAL AREAS, EXTENDING SUCH SERVICES THROUGH COMPETENT TRAINING BY PHYSICIANS OF MIDWIVES, NURSES, AND PARAMEDICS, AS APPROXIMATED OFFICIAL USE
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 05 STATE 040099

APPROPRIATE TO LOCAL SETTINGS AND ALWAYS WITH ADEQUATE PHYSICIAN SUPERVISION AVAILABLE ON CALL.

(F) THERE SHOULD BE ADEQUATE COMPENSATION TO PHYSICIANS, TECHNICAL, AND EDUCATIONAL STAFF, OTHERWISE THEY WILL NOT BE FULLY MOTIVATED TO PARTICIPATE IN DELIVERY OF INTEGRATED FAMILY PLANNING AND HEALTH SYSTEMS.

(G) INCENTIVES AND DISINCENTIVES TO ACCEPTORS DESIRABLE AS LONG AS THEY REMAIN A PART OF VOLUNTARISM.

(H) EFFORTS TO REMOVE LEGAL, SOCIO-CULTURAL, RELIGIOUS, AND POLITICAL BARRIERS MUST CONTINUE.

4. CONFERENCE MAINTAINED MOOD OF CONFIDENCE AND PRAGMATIC OPTIMISM. PRIMARY CRITICISM HEARD IN CORRIDORS

WAS COMPLETE LACK OF SCHEDULED TIME IN PLENARY FOR DISCUSSION. MONOGRAPH OF SOME 35 PLENARY PRESENTATIONS AND SUMMARY OF 21 WORKSHOPS WILL BE AVAILABLE.

5. DR. NAFIS SADIQ OF UNITED NATIONS FUND FOR POPULATION ACTIVITIES WAS PRESENTED HUGH MOORE AWARD FOR HER OUTSTANDING WORK DURING WORLD POPULATION YEAR AND INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR.

6. COMMENT: PRIMARY ACHIEVEMENT MAY BE REINFORCEMENT OF
RESPECTABILITY OF SUBJECT IN MINDS OF PARTICIPANTS AS
THEY RETURN TO HOME COUNTRIES AND CONFRONT DEMOGRAPHIC
AND HEALTH COMPONENTS OF DEVELOPMENTAL GOALS. INGERSOLL

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: POPULATION, BIRTH CONTROL, INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, MEETING PROCEEDINGS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 10 FEB 1976
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: morefirh
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976STATE040099
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: MMHASELTON:GJG
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D760067-0302
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t19760262/aaaaccpg.tel
Line Count: 227
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ORIGIN OES
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 5
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: morefirh
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 13 APR 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <13 APR 2004 by SmithRJ>; APPROVED <30 JUN 2004 by morefirh>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: OVERVIEW OF AVS CONFERENCE, TUNIS, FEB. 1-4, REPEAT OF TUNIS 0853, FEB. 5, TO DEPARTMENT
TAGS: SPOP, IV, (HASELTON, MARY M)
To: ABIDJAN MULTIPLE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006